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HUNTINGTON MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON ON FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Jonathan Lee Sturkey, 25, of Huntington was sentenced to 27 months in prison by United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers on federal drug charges. Sturkey pleaded guilty in February to distribution of cocaine base. The defendant admitted that on March 17, 2009, he arranged to sell crack cocaine to a confidential informant working with the Huntington Violent Crime and Drug Task Force. The informant met Sturkey at a Chevron gas station located at the corner of 10th Street and 9th Avenue in Huntington. Sturkey admitted that during this drug transaction, he gave the informant a tan substance in exchange for \$200 cash. Testing at the West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory confirmed that the tan substance was crack cocaine, weighing 1.39 grams. In addition to the amount purchased on March 17, 2009, Sturkey is responsible for the distribution of an additional 15.69 grams of crack cocaine, for a total of 17.08 grams.

The Huntington Violent Crime and Drug Task Force conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Greg McVey handled the prosecution.

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